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our nation. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now proceed to the next item on the agenda.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 94A is on Select File. I do not have E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Mossey, you're recognized.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 94A to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Mossey. You've heard the motion. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 94A to E & R for engrossing. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 619 was considered by the body yesterday. It's a bill that was introduced by Senator Jones and others. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 21, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The committee reported the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. Those amendments were under consideration. An amendment yesterday from Senator Schrock was adopted. The next item will be an amendment offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Jones for a brief status report of the bill.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. Members of the body, I just want to bring you just a little bit of update on LB 619. LB 619 is my priority bill and is dealing with water transfers, and the gist of my bill was the ownership of water as held by the state for the benefit of its citizens, and also gives a little bit more clear instructions to the NRD. The Legislature also plans the natural resource districts have the legal authority to regulate certain activity, and so they can kind of control that. And then the committee amendment was